

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Maine (Mr. BALDACCI) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALDACCI led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolutions:

S. RES. 245

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick served the Senate with honor and distinction as its second Parliamentarian from 1965 to 1975;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick created the Daily Digest of the Congressional Record and was its first editor from 1947 to 1951;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick was Assistant Senate Parliamentarian from 1951 to 1964;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick compiled thousands of Senate precedents into the official volume whose current edition bears his name;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick served the Senate for more than 40 years;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick upon his retirement as Senate Parliamentarian served as a consultant to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick performed his Senate duties in an impartial and professional manner; and

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick was honored by the Senate with the title Parliamentarian Emeritus: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Floyd M. Riddick, Parliamentarian Emeritus of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

S. RES. 246

Whereas Senator Curtis served with honor and distinction, for the State of Nebraska, in the House of Representatives from 1939 until his resignation in 1954 and in the Senate from 1955 to 1979;

Whereas Senator Curtis served his country for 40 years;

Whereas Senator Curtis stood for fiscal and social conservatism;

Whereas Senator Curtis regarded one of his biggest accomplishments as bringing flood control and irrigation to the Midwest;

Whereas Senator Curtis served as the Senate Republican Conference Chairman and ranking member on the Finance Committee during his last term in office;

Whereas Senator Curtis was admitted to the bar in 1930 and had a private law practice in Minden, Nebraska prior to his service in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas Senator Curtis served in Congress longer than any other Nebraskan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Carl Curtis, former member of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House

of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Carl Curtis.

S. RES. 243

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

The message also announced that the Senate withdraws its request for a conference dated November 19, 1999 on the bill (S. 376) "An Act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and for other purposes," that the Senate disagrees to the amendment of the House to the above entitled bill and agrees to a conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. INOUE, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106-79, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, after consultation with the Majority and Minority Leaders, announces the appointment of the following Senators to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, made during the sine die adjournment—

The Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS); and

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS).

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 105-277, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, who consulted with the Minority Leader of the House, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission, made during the sine die adjournment—C. Fred Bergsten, of Virginia, vice Paul A. Volcker, of New York, resigned.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-120, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office—

The Senator from Colorado (Mr. AL-LARD);

Martin Faga, of Virginia; and

William Schneider, Jr., of New York.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-120, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office—

The Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY); and

Lieutenant General Patrick Marshall Hughes, United States Army, Retired, of Virginia.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to take this occasion to remind all Members and staff of the absolute prohibition contained in the last sentence of clause 5 of rule XVII against the use of any personal electronic office equipment, including cellular phones and computers, upon the floor of the House at any time.

The Chair requests all Members and staff wishing to receive or send cellular telephone messages to do so outside of the Chamber, and to deactivate, which means to turn off, any audible ring of cellular phones before entering the Chamber. To this end, the Chair insists upon the cooperation of all Members and staff and instructs the Sergeant at Arms, pursuant to Clause 3(a) of rule II, to enforce this prohibition.

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COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 401) providing for a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 401

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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NOTIFICATION OF THE SENATE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 402) to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 402

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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DAILY HOUR OF MEETING

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 403) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 403

Resolved, That unless otherwise ordered, before Monday, May 15, 2000, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be 2 p.m. on Mondays; 11 a.m. on Tuesdays; and 10 a.m. on

all other days of the week; and from Monday, May 15, 2000, until the end of the second session, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be noon on Mondays; 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. on all other days of the week.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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JOINT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS—STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 241) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the concurrent resolution.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 241

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Thursday, January 27, 2000, at 9 p.m., for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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HOUR OF MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2000

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

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DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, February 2, 2000.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

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GRANTING MEMBERS OF HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO EXTEND REMARKS AND INCLUDE EXTRANEOUS MATERIAL IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF 106TH CONGRESS

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that for the second session of the 106th Congress, all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material within the permitted limit in that section of the RECORD entitled "Extensions of Remarks."

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2005, THE WORKPLACE GOODS JOB GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 1999

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon a "Dear Colleague" letter will be sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet the week of January 31 to grant a rule for the consideration of H.R. 2005, the "Workplace Goods Jobs Growth and Competitiveness Act of 1999."

The Committee on Rules may grant a rule which would require that amendments be preprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. In this case, amendments must be preprinted prior to their consideration on the Floor.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted, and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

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APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 401

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Without objection, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following as members of the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), and

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT).

There was no objection.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker pro tempore MORELLA signed the following enrolled bills on Thursday, December 2, 1999:

H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3419, to amend Title 49, United States Code, to establish the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3443, to amend Part E of Title IV of the Social Security Act to provide states with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes;

And the following enrolled bill on Monday, December 6, 1999:

H.R. 1180, to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, and for other purposes.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

Washington, DC, December 6, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 6, 1999 at 12:50 p.m.

That the Senate Agreed to conference report H.R. 1180

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk of the House.*

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APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 702(b) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (50 USC 401) and the order of the House of Thursday, November 18, 1999, the Speaker on Wednesday, January 12, 2000, appointed the following Member of the House to the National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office:

Mr. GOSS, Florida.

And from private life:

Mr. Eli S. Jacobs, New York.

Mr. Larry D. Cox, Maryland.

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APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF COMMISSION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND MINORITIES IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a) of the Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering and Technology Development Act (42 USC 1885a) and the order of the House of Thursday, November 18, 1999, the